



## Michael M. Brindle

November 14, 1991 - January 28, 2012

Michael M. Brindle, 20, Bluffton, died at 10:10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Born in Bluffton on Nov. 14, 1991, he graduated from Norwell High School in 2010 and was attending Ivy Tech. He was a line cook at Corner Depot and also worked for the Wells County Voice. Michael played football for Norwell for two years and was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. He was currently serving as the 6th grade assistant football coach at Southern Wells. He was a former member and officer of the FFA, a ten-year member of the Wells County Horse and Pony Club, a ten-year member of 4-H, and was active in Campus Life. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman.

Michael was baptized at Fountain Church where he was a member. Survivors include his mother, Angela Decker and her fiancé, Leslie "Bucket" Wyss of Ossian; a sister, Katie D. Brindle of Bluffton; grandparents, Fred and Elisabeth Bledsoe of Ossian; and a great-grandparent, Madeline Brindle of Bluffton. He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Donald E. "Mouse" Brindle on Oct. 22, 2000 and great-grandparents, Forrest Brindle, and Joseph and Darlene Scaffa. Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Atkins officiating. Calling hours there are Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian. Preferred memorials are to the family, made payable to Angela Decker for distribution to various 4-H programs. Online condolences may be made at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael M. Brindle*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - January 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael M. Brindle*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Angie,*

*I just heard of the loss of your precious son. My heart goes out to you and your family. I know that there are no words that can make the ache in your heart stop or the pain go away. Just know that your family and friends love you and are here for you.*

*Lora Bryan##imported-begin##Lora (Leimenstoll) Bryan##imported-end##*

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February 05, 2012 at 07:09 AM



“ Angie, I hope you can still get this but please accept my heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your son. - Pete -  
Philip T Bricker - (PETE)

February 04, 2012 at 06:18 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Michael was a good kid, I will remember him always.  
John Kurtz

February 02, 2012 at 05:51 PM



“ Dear Angie,  
Matt and my prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. We hope you find strength and peace.  
'Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another.'  
– George Eliot  
All our love,  
Matt and Allie  
Matthew and Allie  
Kreager

February 01, 2012 at 07:35 PM



“ Its times like these we are loss for words, but I want you to know you are in all our thoughts and prayers.  
Donna & Dan Strahm

February 01, 2012 at 10:20 AM



“ To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say...  
but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.  
I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.  
Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love.

*Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight.  
Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night.  
That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through,  
God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you."*

*It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.*

*As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.  
I need you here badly; you're part of my plan.  
There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man."*

*God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.  
And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.  
And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight.  
God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night.*

*When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years  
because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.  
But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.  
Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.*

*I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.  
But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.  
But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er.  
I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before.*

*There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;  
but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.  
It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too...  
that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.*

*If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain,  
then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain."  
And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile,  
knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile.*

*So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low,  
just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go.  
When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your  
mind;  
I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.*

*And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free,  
remember you're not going.....you're coming here to me.*

*Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author)*

*My heartbreaks for you, but the grace of God will help you through  
it.TLH##imported-begin##Scott, Tonya, Trev, Keane ##imported-  
end##*

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February 01, 2012 at 09:59 AM



“ Angie,

*You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for  
your loss. Please let me know if there is anything we can do for you.*

*Christine, Jeff and Brittany Petrie##imported-begin##Christine  
Petrie and family##imported-end##*

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January 31, 2012 at 02:55 PM



“ Angie and family I am deeply sorry for your loss. All of you are on my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sheila (Coffield) Soto##imported-end##

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January 31, 2012 at 01:23 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers go out to Angela and her family. I was fortunate to make the trip to Green Bay, WI a few years ago with Michael.

*He had a great sense of humor, a great smile and a passion for his beloved Packers.*

*He will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Brian Miller##imported-end##*

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January 31, 2012 at 10:43 AM



“ I express my sympathies to to Michael's family. He was a hard worker and fun to be around. He treated others with much respect and it was a pleasure to have him in class at NHS. My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Penny Gay##imported-end##

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January 31, 2012 at 09:43 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss of your son. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Sonja Davison##imported-end##

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January 31, 2012 at 09:22 AM



“ My prayers are going out to you family and friends. God speed.

*Janie, Bob, and Andrea Velasquez##imported-begin##Janie Velasquez##imported-end##*

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January 31, 2012 at 08:15 AM



“ Angela and Katie we are deeply sorry for the loss of Michael. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Michael did a lot for the Norwell FFA Chapter and its members. He was our Sentinel and our Chaplain. He was a friend to all and he always brought us closer to God as a chapter. There are just so many memories of Michael in the FFA. We all were blessed by him in so way, shape or form.##imported-begin##Mrs. Ingrid Kohlhagen & Family##imported-end##

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January 31, 2012 at 06:56 AM



“ Angie and Katie, you both are in my prayers. I know that no words can help you deal with what you are going through. Just remember God is only a prayer away. Angie, if you need anything just let me know. I love you!##imported-begin##Chasidy Strombach##imported-end##

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January 31, 2012 at 12:08 AM



“ We cannot understand why these things happen. We can only share our love and offer sympathy to your family. Michael will be missed by all of us. Prayers to your family at this difficult time. Love-  
- Sister Ellenberger###imported-begin##Jill Ellenberger###imported-end##

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January 30, 2012 at 11:46 PM



“ Are prayers are with all of your family right now, Michael will always be a in our hearts.###imported-begin##Rich and Cassie Zaugg and Family###imported-end##

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January 30, 2012 at 09:25 PM



“ My deepest condolences on your loss. I pray that you stay strong through this difficult period and find relief from your grief in time. Farshad.###imported-begin##Farshad Garmsiri###imported-end##

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January 30, 2012 at 05:36 PM



“ Angie, Katie and family. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Lord, please comfort Angie, Katie and their family as they go through this painful time of loss. I pray that Your presence would be known through those of us who mourn with them. Help us to share their burden. Amen. Words seem so empty at this time. My heart aches for you.###imported-begin##Chris Garrett###imported-end##

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January 30, 2012 at 03:01 PM



“ *angie, i am so sorry for the loss of your son.there are not enough words to express my sympathy for you and your family.you raised a wonderfull son i remember him when he was young and he was such a sweet child and he grew up to be a wonderfull young man.my thiufgts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##sherri zook##imported-end##*

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January 30, 2012 at 02:39 PM



“ *Angie,  
My prayers are with you in this very difficult time.*

*John Dickson  
International Paper##imported-begin##John Dickson##imported-end##*

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January 30, 2012 at 02:20 PM



“ *Angie and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Michael was a shining spirit who had a contagious laugh. We will keep you in our prayers.*

*Doug and Julie Swisher##imported-begin##JD Swisher##imported-end##*

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January 30, 2012 at 01:57 PM



“ Dearest Angie,

*I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your son. I pray that God holds Michael in the palm of one hand, and you and your family in the other, to help you get through this very difficult time. I am here for you if there is anything I can do. May God be with you during this time of grief.*

*Your friend,*

*Kevin##imported-begin##Kevin Williams##imported-end##*

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January 30, 2012 at 01:39 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Michael was a great person and friend. He will be missed by many. May God be with you in this tough time. You have my sympathy.##imported-begin##Klay Fiechter##imported-end##

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January 30, 2012 at 12:41 PM



“ I received a call Monday morning from one of his fellow FFA members telling me about this. My whole family is saddened by this loss and are praying for you.##imported-begin##Scott Caldwell##imported-end##

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January 30, 2012 at 10:29 AM



“ Angie, Katie & Family, My heart & prayers are with you all. It was like yesterday when Angie went into labor with Michael on my couch. We thought for sure he was going to be born right there. Angie made it to the hospital, then later on Michael was born. Love you, Michael. Love you all, Penny##imported-begin##Penny Gehrett##imported-end##

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January 30, 2012 at 09:07 AM



“ Angie and Katie,  
I am so sorry to hear of Michael's death. Elsie called me from South Carolina to tell me. There are no words that I can say to take away the pain. Just know that we will be thinking of you both and we are grateful that we have memories.  
Love to both of you,  
Lori and Elsie##imported-begin##Lori Bazur-Persing##imported-end##

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January 29, 2012 at 11:18 PM